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WASHINGTON, August 9, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 4 totaled 337,884, up 2.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 2.0 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 4.4 percent in the West and 1.2 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 8,744 cars (7.3 percent). Part of that increase is due to the fact that many coal miners were striking at this time last year. Loadings of grain were up 1,739 cars (7.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 31 weeks of 1990 totaled 10,461,392, up 1.5 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 123,037 trailers and/or containers for the week ended August 4, up 6.6 percent from the corresponding 1989 week.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 31 weeks of 1990 was 3,609,440 trailers and/or containers, 3.8 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended August 4 totaled 20.4 billion, up 4.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 619.4 billion ton-miles, up 4.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 1990	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,462	24,723	7.0 %	25,068	5.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	896	933	-4.0	1,065	-15.9
Metallic Ores	21,575	21,607	-.1	25,886	-16.7
Coal	128,787	120,043	7.3	132,585	-2.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,812	17,899	-6.1	16,857	-.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,486	10,153	-6.6	9,371	1.2
Grain Mill Products	9,778	9,989	-2.1	10,146	-3.6
Food & Kindred Products	8,829	9,017	-2.1	8,558	3.2
Primary Forest Products	10,041	9,817	2.3	9,952	.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,227	7,083	-12.1	6,312	-1.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,605	10,797	-1.8	10,165	4.3
Chemicals	27,888	27,452	1.6	26,221	6.4
Petroleum Products	5,054	5,018	.7	5,423	-6.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,240	10,839	-5.5	10,436	-1.9
Coke	5,787	5,985	-3.3	5,859	-1.2
Metals & Products	9,977	9,400	6.1	9,827	1.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,769	13,946	5.9	15,775	-6.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,479	7,689	10.3	8,573	-1.1
All Other Carloads	6,192	6,600	-6.2	6,675	-7.2
Total	337,884	328,990	2.7 %	344,754	-2.0 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 31 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 4, 1990		
	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	337,884	328,990	2.7 %	10,461,392	10,307,048	1.5 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,637	65,996	-.5	2,022,089	2,026,250	-.2
Containers	57,400	49,452	16.1	1,587,351	1,450,766	9.4
Total	123,037	115,448	6.6	3,609,440	3,477,016	3.8
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.4	19.5	4.6 %	619.4	593.3	4.4 %